

## SHEET NO. 01 - 2012

Minutes of Tackley Parish Council meeting held in Tackley Village Hall on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor June Collier (Chairman)  
Councillor Paul Joslin (Vice Chairman)  
Councillors Richard Banbury, Robin Gibbons, Jim Howard, Bob Clow  
County Councillor Ian Hudspeth

### 12/001 - APOLOGIES

None

### 12/002 - MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011. Councillor Robert Clow proposed that they be accepted as a record of the meeting, with the following amendment "Councillor Richard Banbury declared an interest in item 11/104 – Planning Matters, application 11/1786/F/FP – Tackley Methodist Church, 2 Lower Hades Road". Seconded by Councillor Paul Joslin. All in favour.

### 12/003 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Robert Clow declared an interest in all items on the agenda. Councillor Paul Joslin declared an interest in planning application 11/1937/P/FP as it looks towards his property.

### 12/004 – COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

Potholes – Councillor Robert Clow said that the potholes around the Parish were a total disgrace and needed filling. The ones causing the most concern were:-

- Rousham Road
- Nethercote Road
- Angelina's corner (where the Parish boundary meets that of Wotton)
- Outside the Gardiner Arms
- Church Hill

Also the gravel has been eroded in the layby outside the Church due to water coming down the hill and requires urgent attention. The kerbs are loose at the bottom of Church Hill as are the granite setts around the Little Green and by the bus stop.

The approach road to the pumping station also needs resurfacing.

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth will report these defects, but it would be better for the Parish Council to report problems to the highways team so that a reference number is obtained and problems can be tracked (tel. 0845 3101111). County Councillor Ian Hudspeth will forward reference for the above defects to the Clerk.

## SHEET NO 02 - 2012

Village Sewerage System – County Councillor Ian Hudspeth stated that Gordon Hunt, County Council Drainage Officer, had met with a representative of Thames Water, Hugh Thomas. Thames Water stated that there is no problem with the cast iron pipe system, which has been jetted twice. The Council were informed by a parishioner who attended the meeting that part of the pipework in the village was enlarged approximately 15 years ago (something which they were aware of), but this did not extend to the pumping station.

The Parish Council have always maintained when applications for development are received that the system is inadequate and cannot cope with additional development.

The parishioners informed the Council of numerous occasions when problems have occurred, and constant unanswered telephone calls. There is also an issue with sewage odour at the Pre-School and floodwater by Court Place Farm. They had also contacted Owen Davis, the West Oxfordshire District Council, Environmental Health Officer.

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth asked that all data be forwarded to him and the Clerk so that a meeting can be arranged with Thames Water to discuss the issues with the Parish Council and parishioners.

Rousham Road Traffic Speed – A parishioner who lives along the Rousham Road complained about the excessive speed of vehicles entering the village at this point, ignoring the 30mph speed limit. He asked whether speed humps could be installed before someone was badly injured or killed.

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth stated that to install speed humps would require the backing of the majority of parishioners. After much discussion County Councillor Ian Hudspeth suggested that perhaps “dog-tooth” markings might be appropriate at this location and also on Church Hill.

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth will ask County engineers to look at the possibilities of markings, gates at the entrance to the village and humps.

Councillor June Collier also asked that he enquire whether the village could have SID back and he will investigate this.

“20 is Plenty” – Councillor June Collier read out a letter from the Marlborough School asking if the Council would allow them to erect “20 is Plenty” signs outside the school area. Councillor Paul Joslin proposed that we allow them to put up signs and this was seconded by Councillor Richard Banbury. All in favour.

### 12/005 – DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

Councillor Robert Clow asked County Councillor Ian Hudspeth, who is also a District Councillor, if the cash had yet been paid back from the Icelandic Banks, and what it was to be spent on. County Councillor Ian Hudspeth informed the Council that the money would be returned over a 5 year period. He also stated that the money would be reinvested or used to benefit areas across the District, but that a decision on this would be made once the money was received.

Councillor June Collier has placed a notice in the village shop informing parishioners that the bus tokens will cease at the end of March. Councillor Robert Clow stated that the travel passes are limiting as they only allow travel in the catchment area.

### SHEET NO. 03 - 2012

Councillor Robert Clow stated that there is still an on-going issue with the building plot at 44 St. Johns Road. Councillor Robin Gibbons is pursuing this. Parishioners reported that the temporary fencing at this site was a health and safety issue as it had blown over in windy conditions. Clerk to contact the school to see if they have contact details for the landowner or agent.

#### 12/006 – PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Rospa Report – The bin highlighted as being in need of urgent attention has been replaced. Clerk to contact Oxfordshire Playing Field Association to obtain details of contractors who may be able to repair the defective matting in the play area so that quotes can be obtained.

Queens Golden Jubilee – Councillor Robin Gibbons reported that Tackley PCC were happy to work with the Council. The Parish Council has registered the beacon and will receive a lighting time in due course.

Councillor Robert Clow made the following suggestions for events:

- Jubilee lunch
- Street party
- Choral concert in the Church
- Thanks Giving in the Church
- Bingo
- Mugs

Councillor June Collier is in touch with the Pre-School and PTA and it is hoped that a meeting will be held shortly to discuss activities with these organisations.

Councillor Robert Clow said that the Church Bells will be rung. As yet nothing has been published with regard to extra badges for the chain of office, but if he sees anything he will make a note.

Councillor June Collier felt that liaison with groups within the village was necessary to ascertain what they want to do in order that a plan of action can be drafted.

County Councillor Ian Hudspeth informed the Council that the County and District Councils' wanted a "light touch" approach to all events organised. If anyone encounters an obstacle they are to contact him.

#### 12/007 – PLANNING MATTERS

11/1960/P/FP – 6 Lime Kiln Road – No objections.

11/1937/P/FP – Willowdene, 15 Lower Hades Road – No objections.

The following decisions notices had been received granting permission for development:

11/1821/P/LB & 11/1820/P/FP – 23 Nethercote Road

11/1786/P/FP – Tackley Methodist Church, 2 Lower Hades Road

11/1756/P/FP – 66 Nethercote Road

**SHEET NO. 04 - 2012**

**12/008 – MATTERS OF FINANCE**

The following were ratified for payment:

Oxford Conservation Volunteers	£200.00	33	(CN 101268)
Hillcrest Gardens	£ 18.00	34	(CN101269)
Tackley Village Hall	£110.00	35	(CN101270)
Playsafety	£ 75.60	36	(CN101271)
Ron Varney	£264.00	37	(CN101272)
Clerks Wages	£171.99	38	(CN101273)
HMRC (PAYE)	£137.00	39	(CN101274)
Oxfordshire Play Field Assoc.	£ 35.00	40	(CN101275)

Councillor Jim Howard proposed that the above be ratified for payment. Seconded by Councillor Richard Banbury. All in favour.

Councillor Robert Clow asked that the Clerk contact the Village Hall Committee asking for a reduction in fees due to the lack of heating every week.

**12/009 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Robin Gibbons reported that Friends of Tackley Station were waiting for a safety audit, which it is hoped will be undertaken soon. The land has to be re-evaluated.

A meeting with First Great Western will be held shortly.

Councillor Robin Gibbons asked that the Parish Council Village Hall Representative report the holes which are occurring due to kicking of the wall around the Village Hall.

**12/010 – MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

Allotments - An allotment holder asked the Council if, further to the minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012, they could still approach the Council with issues. Councillor June Collier informed him that they could, but it would be preferable if in the first instance allotment holders tried to resolve issues before approaching the Council. If, however, the issue was not easily resolved then the Council would intervene.

Fish and Chip Van – It was pointed out to the Council that the van parks at the junction with Nethercote Road/first St. Johns Road entrance, causing an obstruction to vehicles wishing to turn in to St. Johns Road and a safety issue. Councillor June Collier to ask them to park further down St. Johns Road.

Meeting closed 8.20 p.m.

Signed .....

Date .....